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CONCEPT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ABOLISHED IN EAST BERLIN

CITY COUNCIL ISSUES ORDER -- Koblenz, Rheinischer Merkur, 11 Nov 50

The concept of private property has been abolished in East Berlin. The City Council of East Berlin issued a decree which permits the transfer of ownership of factories, houses, real estate, vehicles, household articles, and other property from one person to another by administrative order. The City Council is also authorized to order the transfer of a whole factory with its employees to another location. No provisions have been made for any compensation.

DISCUSS TRANSFER OF CHURCH PROPERTIES -- Koblenz, Rheinischer Merkur, 16 Dec 50

East German Ministers Steinhoff and Scholz are discussing the transfer of church properties to people's ownership, because church properties did not fulfill their delivery quotas.

NIEMOELLER INVITED FOR LECTURE TOUR -- Koblenz, Rheinischer Merkur, 16 Dec 50

The Communist Peace Conference in Weimar has invited Niemoeller for a lecture tour in Thueringen.

MAY PERMIT GERMAN-SOVIET MARRIAGES -- Koblenz, Rheinischer Merkur, 16 Dec 50

In the clubhouse for Soviet-German friendship in Werdau, Sachsen, a Soviet major remarked that Stalin's faith in the people of East Germany has grown to such an extent that marriages between people of the Soviet Union and of the German Democratic Republic will be permissible soon.

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